

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): An apparatus for storing and transporting supplies and snacks, comprising:

a snack item;

a drink item;

a top portion having first and second opposite sides;

a bottom portion having first and second opposite sides;

a middle portion having first and second opposite sides, the middle portion operatively connected to the top portion and the bottom portion;

wherein in a closed position the top portion, bottom portion and middle portion are configured to form an enclosure;

wherein in an open position at least one side of the middle portion is accessible, and at least one side of either the top or bottom portion is accessible;

at least one side of the middle portion comprising structures adapted for holding school supplies;

at least one side of the top portion comprising a write-on wipe-off surface;

wherein one side of the bottom portion includes at least one drink restraint adapted for holding a the drink item and at least one snack restraint adapted for holding the snack item; and

a clip operatively connected to one side of the top portion for holding paper.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the middle portion is a flap and the top portion is a lid, in a closed position.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the drink item is a drink box and the drink restraint is adapted for holding a the drink box.

Claim 4 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising first and second back pack straps operatively connected to the bottom portion.

Claim 5 (Original): The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies include at least one pencil holder.

Claim 6 (Original): The apparatus of claim 5 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies further include a scissor holder.

Claim 7 (Original): The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies further include a computer disk holder.

Claim 8 (Original): The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the structures adapted for holding school supplies further include a crayon pouch.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): A method comprising:

providing an apparatus for storing and transporting supplies and snacks, comprising:

- (a) a top portion having first and second opposite sides;
- (b) a bottom portion having first and second opposite sides;
- (c) a middle portion having first and second opposite sides, the middle portion operatively connected to the top portion and the bottom portion;
- (d) wherein in a closed position the top portion, bottom portion and middle portion are configured to form an enclosure;
- (e) wherein in an open position at least one side of the middle portion is accessible and at least one side of either the top or bottom portion is accessible;

- (f) at least one side of the middle portion comprising structures adapted for holding school supplies;
- (g) at least one side of the top portion comprising a write-on wipe-off surface;
- (h) wherein one side of the bottom portion includes at least one drink restraint for holding a drink item and at least one snack restraint for holding a snack item; and
- (i) a clip operatively connected to one side of the top portion for holding paper; providing a snack item having a product configuration adapted for placement in the apparatus, and for securing by the at least one snack restraint, said snack item packaged in a disposable package.;

placing the drink item in the apparatus and securing the drink item with the at least one drink restraint; and

placing the snack item in the apparatus and securing the snack item with the at least one snack restraint.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The method of claim 9 ~~further comprising providing a drink item having a product configuration adapted for placement in the apparatus and for securing by the at least one drink restraint, wherein said drink item is~~ packaged in a disposable package.